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Hidden in Plain Sight: 8th Grade Advanced Pronoun Case Quiz

Antecedent ambiguity, intensive vs. reflexive usage, and pronoun case analysis to provide a rigorous bell-ringer for pre-AP writing refinement.

1. In the following sentence, which pronoun function is utilized? 'The architect herself drafted the blueprint to ensure the structural integrity of the spire.'

- A. Reflexive: functions as the direct object of 'drafted'.
- B. Intensive: adds emphasis to the noun 'architect' and could be removed.
- C. Personal: substituted for the architect's name to avoid repetition.
- D. Relative: introduces an essential adjective clause.

2. Choose the pronoun that correctly completes this formal comparative construction: 'Although the twins were both talented pianists, the judges believed Arthur was more technically proficient than _____.'

- A. him
- B. himself
- C. he
- D. his

3. True or False: In the sentence 'Neither of the explorers realized that their compass was malfunctioning,' the pronoun 'their' is used correctly according to traditional prescriptive grammar.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Which of the following contains an objective case pronoun serving as an indirect object?

- A. The committee sent us the revised protocol.
- B. They were the whistleblowers mentioned in the report.
- C. The local council gave the award to them.
- D. We believe the culprits are they.

5. Identify the correct pronoun to complete the sentence involving a gerund: 'The CEO was frustrated by _____ arriving late to the high-stakes board meeting.'

- A. me
- B. my
- C. myself
- D. mine

6. Evaluate which sentence uses a pronoun in the nominative case as a predicate nominative.

- A. The lead scientists on the project were she and I.
- B. Between you and me, the hypothesis is flawed.

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- C. Give the research papers to whoever needs them.
- D. Whom did the department hire for the vacancy?

7. True or False: In the sentence 'Whoever wins the election must address the infrastructure crisis,' the pronoun 'Whoever' is in the nominative case because it serves as the subject of the noun clause.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Complete the sentence using the correct relative pronoun: 'The astronomer, _____ the university honored with a lifetime achievement award, discovered a new nebula.'

- A. who
- B. which
- C. whose
- D. whom

9. Identify the error in pronoun usage in the following scenario: 'The debate was fierce, but ultimately, the argument between the senator and himself solved nothing.'

- A. The sentence uses a reflexive pronoun where a personal pronoun (him) is required.
- B. The sentence uses an intensive pronoun instead of a nominative pronoun.
- C. The antecedent for the pronoun 'himself' is missing from the sentence.
- D. The pronoun 'himself' should be plural to match 'senator' and 'argument'.

10. True or False: Indefinite pronouns like 'several,' 'few,' and 'both' always require plural verbs and plural possessive pronouns.

- A. True
- B. False